IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 14TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 25416 of 2007(A)

PETITIONER:

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1. REVICHANDRAN.M,
   MADATHIL HOUSE, MATHUR P.O., PALAKKAD-678 571.

2. AMRUTHA DEVI L.,
   PALLICHAMPARAMBIL HOUSE, POLLATHAI P.O.,
   ALAPPUZHA-688 567.

3. ANILKUMAR C.R.,
   CHANDRABHAVANAM, VILLONNI P.O.,
   ARPOOKARA, KOTTAYAM-8.

4. ABIDA M., W/O. ABKAR ALI K.A.,
   'ABBAS', THEKKATHI BAVA STREET, PUDUNAGARAM P.O.,
   PALAKKAD-678 503.

5. CHANDRASEKHARAN C.V.,
   CHIRAYIL HOUSE, PERUMTHURUTH, MUHAMMA P.O.,
   ALAPPUZHA-688 525.

6. RAJANI K.U., W/O. K.R.PREMAKUMAR,
   KUZHIPARAMBIL HOUSE, HOUSE NO.20/1709-A,
   PALLURUTHY P.O., KOCHI-682 006.

7. JAYANTHI R., W/O. SUDEVAN C.,
   POLICE QUARTERS, KACHERIMEDU, CHITTUR P.O.,
   PALAKKAD-678 101.

BY ADV. SRI.N.N.SUGUNAPALAN (SR.)
SRI.S.SUJIN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
   OFFICE OF THE KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
   PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS
   SECRETARY.

2. DIRECTOR OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION,
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION,
HOUSING BOARD BUILDING, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. SECRETARY,
GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF KERALA,
GOVT.SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

BY ADV. ALEXANDER THOMAS. SC PSC
BY GOVT. PLEADER SHRI. A.J. VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 05/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

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Dated this the 5th November, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioners have filed this writ petition complaining that although a large number of vacancies are existing in the post of Higher Secondary School Teacher (Junior) in Political Science, the Public Service Commission has drawn up a rank list consisting only of 54 candidates in the main list. According to them the vacancies available for appointment are 81 which warrants a list consisting of at least three times those vacancies, as per the rules applicable. Therefore, petitioners have approached this Court seeking a direction to the Public Service Commission to draw up an expanded rank list in proportion to the number of vacancies available.

2. The Public Service Commission has filed a counter affidavit in which it is stated that at the time of drawing up the short list there were only 20 vacancies and short list was prepared consisting of 54 candidates in the main list and 127 in the supplementary list making a total of 181 candidates, which is as per the guidelines prescribed

considering the number of vacancies available. In the view of the statement in the counter affidavit, I do not find any merit in this writ petition and accordingly the same is dismissed.

S. SIRI JAGAN
Judge

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